

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Ephesians 2:8 **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.**

## **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

*Heavenly Father, we thank You, praise You, and bless You for being our Abba Father. Lord, we also thank You for being our A to Z. Father we pray at this time, that this months message of **Growing In Faith Together**, will be spiritually filled with Your wisdom and knowledge. Lord, may we all grow spiritually in Your eternal teachings. Father thank You for blessing our families and this ministry with Your indwelling presence each day. May we all grow in the love and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ. Father I ask this in the name of Jesus.....Amen.*

*What does it mean, when I say growing in faith together? Well lets start out with what God says about faith first. The Lord says in Hebrews 11:6 **And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.** The Lord is basically telling all of us, if we just say that we know the Lord and do not have true faith and believe in Him, we are just wasting our time. Through faith and true belief in Him, our main goal is to please Him, not ourselves. Like the scripture tells us, He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. By earnestly seeking the Lord through faith, we must not let this world of nonbelievers distract us from our goal, and that goal is to know what His will is for us. We will never ever have a clue what God has in store for us, until we come to know Him on a personal level. Once we come to know Him on a personal level, we can freely come to Him at any time with whatever burden or trial we are facing at that time. In Hebrews 4:16 God tells His children, **“Let us...come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”** The Lord truly wants us to come to Him only, because through Him, there is eternal life.*

*When I speak about knowing God on a personal level, I mean having a one on one personal relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. By having a personal relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we are spiritually gifted with three Gods all in one, watching over us, 24-7.*

*If you would like to learn about God the Father's unique and infinite personality, it can be understood more clearly, through studying the Old Testament. If you would like to learn about God the Son and God the Holy Spirit's plan for eternal salvation, it too, can be clearly understood with God's help, when we study the New Testament.*

*We must try and remember that, without a clear and precise understanding of our Triadic God, we will never be able to fully understand God's will for us.*

*By having a clear and precise understanding of the will of God, life can be more fruitful in many ways. I am not saying that once we are born again and have switched over from relying on the world and begin to rely on the Lord, that there is not going to be*

some bumps in the road. While we are living in this world of sin, there is always going to be up's and downs, trials and tribulations, that's all part of God's plan.

God wants us to come to Him and confess our sins and repent. God wants us to believe in the saving grace of His Son Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

God wants to test us, teach us, and refine us through the example of the life of Jesus. By not being born again in the spirit, can be compared to a wild horse running here and there, doing and acting any way the wind blows. But God finds a way to break us down, so that we can finally submit to His commands, and do His will.

So my friends, how can we have a personal relationship with our heavenly Father?

Well for starters, we must first come to the end of our fleshly desires. Our lustful desires for the things of this sinful world. These sins, can and will eventually lead to our destruction. Not just the destruction of our flesh, but destruction of our souls.

God also wants us to fellowship together with believing Christians. He wants us to be a bright light in this sinful dark dying world. A symbol of hope for a better life tomorrow.

This month's theme about **Growing in Faith Together**, means as born again believers we are to come together, as one body in Christ. We are to share with our brothers and sisters our trials and pray together as prayer partners increasing our faith and letting God know how much we long for his grace and mercy in times of trouble.

Also, we all need to witness to each other, about what God is doing in our lives to enforce our faith. Also, as believing Christians, we are to share these testimonies with believers and non-believers alike. Reason being, to help each other grow in the love and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is so important in this dark world of sin and disbelief, to share with the world, the light that still shines in our hearts and minds.

That light, is the everlasting light of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Hebrews 12:1-2 the Lord says: **Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sins that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** Also in Galatians 3:26 God reminds us that; **You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**

To put things in its proper perspective, God loves all of us very much and wants us all to come together as one large body of believers in Christ. He wants us all to come boldly and directly to His throne of love, grace, and mercy with all our needs, not just the ones that we can't handle. Also, God deeply desires that all of His people, have a personal relationship with Him. The kind of relationship that you would have with your father. The real difference between an earthly father and a heavenly Father, is the fact that our earthly father is mortal and finite compared to our heavenly Father, who is Immortal and Infinite. So my friends in the Lord Jesus Christ, may we all grow together in love and faith in our Heavenly Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hallelujah,.....Amen.

APRIL'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING  
**THE LIVING CHRIST** *By Billy Graham*

*Galatians 2:20 It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.*

*Jesus Christ was crucified between two thieves on a rugged cross on Calvary, just outside Jerusalem. Think of it: The very Son of God came down from Heaven and "humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death of the cross" Phil 2-8 Jesus gave His head to the crown of thorns for us. He gave His face to the human spittle for us. He gave His cheeks and His beard to be plucked out for us. He gave His back to the lash for us. He gave His side to the spear for us. He gave His hands and feet to the spikes for us. He gave His blood for us. Jesus Christ, dying in our place, taking our sins on that cross, is God's love in action.*

*But that's not the end to the story. He rose again, and He is the living Christ. If Christ is not alive, there is no hope for any of us. But if He is alive! And because He is, "He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25, NIV). Hallelujah!*



**THE DAILY MINISTRY PRAYER LIST**

**Please pray daily with this ministry for;** Jackie Neri, Shirley Tussey, Mark Davies,

Joe Brancato, Jack Mc Kean, Helen Mc Kean, Jerry Palma, Jimmy Palma, Joe Lakes, Evan Goldglantz, Russ Holman, Jim Flynn, John Longo, Chris Valques, Robin Weiss, Tony Scarangelli, Donna DiAngelous, Vince Phillipelli, Mike Buettner, George Ollis, Jonathan Baker, Michael Monforto, Marian Wilson, Anthony Palma, Janet Neil, Joe Hinley, Anthony Lakes, Rene DeMatteo, Arlene Santarpio, Keith Ruggerio, Candice Kania, Bob Lambert, Sandy Wisdom, Ron Forczek, Theresa Palma.

**Also a special prayer for all the,** sick, the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the disable,

the helpless, the hopeless, the broken hearted, the weary, the restless, the lost souls, the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the emotionally distraught, etc.

**Furthermore,** A prayer for our new President that he takes this country in the right direction, asking God to be his guide so that things will be done by God's will and not the sinful way of this faithless world. Also, a prayer for all the troops in harms way.

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## PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

*Proverbs 28:7 The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no concern*

*Proverbs 28: 11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.*

*Proverbs 10:27 The fear of the Lord adds length to your life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.*

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*Jesus rose from the dead  
for us!*

*This Easter Holiday, may we all take some time out, to thank our Heavenly Father for the free gift of Eternal Salvation that Jesus made possible through His death and resurrection. May we all try to remember the significance and symbolism that comes from the Cross. May we all continue to draw near to the Cross of Salvation. I ask this in Jesus name, Hallelujah,.....Amen.*

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